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- ☒ Request for Extension of Time for one month(s) and fee of \$120.00
- ☒ Other: Surrender of Original U.S. Patent 5,971,625 Under 37 C.F.R. §1.178 and original Patent No. 5,971,625
- ☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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SURRENDER OF ORIGINAL U.S. PATENT 5,971,625
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.178

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Ex Parte Office Action dated December 23, 2004. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-22 were allowed, but requested surrender of the original application to advance the application to allowance.

Applicants thank the Examiner for this notification.

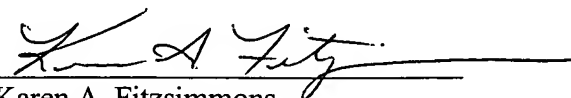
Applicants have herewith enclosed the original U.S. Patent 5,971,625 pursuant to the Offer to Surrender dated October 24, 2001 and filed October 26, 2001.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at 612/371-5340 if any further questions or concerns arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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